



## **TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020**

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The Town Council of the Town of Narragansett declared a state of emergency through an emergency declaration enacted on March 16, 2020 to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic and the Town Manager is taking measures he deems necessary in order to protect public health and safety in response to the pandemic. The CDC and the RI DOH have stressed that social distancing is the most effective and important tool available to combat the community spread of COVID-19.

The Town of Narragansett is requesting assistance from our real estate brokers, rental agents, private parties that rent units, and on line platforms for rentals in the Town of Narragansett. We urge these businesses **NOT** to rent any units during the time of this State and Town Declaration of State of Emergency. Additionally, we urge everyone in/around our Town to adhere to the below guidelines to prevent community spread of COVID-19.

1. Travel to the Town of Narragansett is discouraged for any non-resident or seasonal resident. Full-time residents are encouraged to restrict travel for essential purposes only, such as medical care, care of a family member, or obtaining food and other necessary provisions.
2. Any non-resident or seasonal resident arriving in Narragansett is urged to immediately Self-Quarantine (as that term is hereinafter defined) for two weeks and follow any Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) guidelines pertaining to the pandemic.
3. Furthermore, any Narragansett residents or visitors who have recently arrived from out of state are urged to Self-Quarantine for a period of two (2) weeks from the day they left another state.
4. The term "Self-Quarantine" means to remain at your residence except for medical care or emergencies. Self-Quarantine includes having food and other necessities delivered to the residence rather than leaving the residence to obtain such food/necessities. Persons under Self-Quarantine must monitor for symptoms such as fever, cough and shortness of breath.
5. All Short-Term Lodging owners and operators, including their agents and employees are urged to cease taking new reservations for occupancy dates which fall within the effective period of the Declaration of State of Emergency, unless the lodging is provided to public safety professionals and/or medical professionals that are locating in Town for the purpose

of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the purposes of this request for assistance, "Short-Term Lodging" is lodging of thirty (30) days or fewer, including, but not limited to lodging in hotels, inns, motels, B & B, and online rental platforms including but not limited to Airbnb.

- 6 All essential businesses remaining open in the Town of Narragansett are urged to post a copy of this release in a prominent place, so that it is visible to all people entering the business.
7. The Town anticipates that we will urge compliance until at least April 15, 2020, unless terminated prior to that date. This is in concert with Governor Raimondo's Executive Order 20-14 issued March 28, 2020. Additionally, this plea to our Town may be further extended if necessary.

PLEASE, we need to work as a community to avoid the community spread of COVID-19.